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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on May 17, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 6 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.